

Will the broadcast flag interfere with consumers ability to make copies of DTV content for their personal use, either on personal video recorders or removable media?

THE "BROADCAST FLAG" would infringe upon the Fair-use of content or programming, it would make the use of circumventive technologies be required to conform to the fair and reasonable use of copyrighted content. This would make ordinary citizens criminals.

Would the digital flag interfere with consumers ability to send DTV content across networks, such as home digital networks connecting digital set top boxes, digital recorders, digital servers and digital display devices?

I believe the hampering of movement and use of legitimate use of digital content is detrimental to the consumers and citizens.

Would the broadcast flag requirement limit consumers ability to use their existing electronic equipment (equipment not built to look for the flag) or make it difficult to use older components with new equipment that is compliant with the broadcast flag standard?

Depends upon implementation of the standard but probably YES. Future upgrades and features would be in question as to whether they would be required to add this flag to be able to view content.

Would a broadcast flag requirement limit the development of future equipment providing consumers with new options?

yes, it would be a hindrance

What will be the cost impact, if any, that a broadcast flag requirement would have on consumer electronics equipment?

OF course it would increase costs. increased programming, increased support costs, and repair costs associated with new components needed for broadcast flag.